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Commissioner of Patents
Box **PATENT APPLICATION**
Washington DC 20231

Re: Patent Application **09/923,249** of
Halliburton Energy Services, Inc.,
Newcomer Products, Inc., and U.S.
Synthetics, Inc. filed 08/ 03/ 2001

Inventorship: **Boyce** (James E. Boyce)

Title: **Shaped Cutting-Grade Inserts**
with Transitionless Diamond-

Enhanced Surface Layer (Docket No. **SC-00-08**)

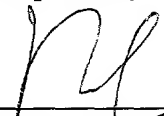
Honorable Commissioner:

Enclosed are:


- ☒ (if checked) Formal Drawings
- ☐ (if checked) an Information Disclosure Statement (together with Form PTO-1449 and copies of cited references), and
- ☐ (if checked) a certified copy of the priority application.

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Respectfully submitted,


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